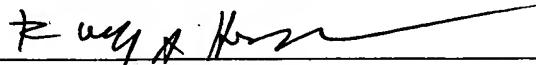
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Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the information identified on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 is disclosed to the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Copies of the documents listed on the Form PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith. The Application No. 09/412,078 reference has been referred to and discussed in the specification.

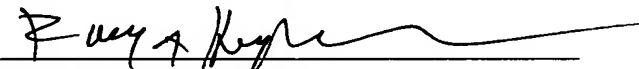
The Examiner's attention is also directed to the discussion of MPC control switching discussed in the background art section of the application. The inventors believe that such control switching is used in several products including, the DMCPlus product by AspenTech, the Connoisseur product by Foxboro and the SMOC product by Shell. However, applicants do not have more detailed information about these products other than they use the control switching technique discussed in the background art section of the application which is

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